THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railtel Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of Ministry of Railways has planned to provide internet facilities on running trains as a Pilot Project.

(c) The initial trials were carried out on pilot section from Delhi to Mathura in close coordination with M/s Shoshacom of Canada.

(d) The trials were carried out successfully. However, further implementation of the system has not progressed so far due to technical problem. RailTel is exploring possibilities of alternative solutions including use of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) network or providing the facility.

Internet Ticketing System

3473. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities that have been covered under internet ticketing system in the country by IRCTC, State-wise;

(b) whether his Ministry is thinking of extending internet ticketing facility to other cities;

(c) if so, the details of cities that Government are thinking of extending the facility to, in the year 2005-06; and

(d) what are the other steps that his Ministry is taking to decongest serpentine queues at the passenger reservation systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The State wise list of cities that have been covered under internet ticketing system, is given in the enclosed statement: *(See* below) This is also available on the website of Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) i.e. www.irctc.co.in

(b) and (c) In 2005-06 the facility of delivery of tickets booked on Internet has already been extended to following 32 cities.

Ambala	Hazira	Navsari	Nadiad
Bhatinda	Hoshiarpur	Nizamabad	Virudhunagar

Cuddapah	Howrah	Ooty	Bharuch
Ferozepur	Jalgaon	Panchkula	Hissar
Greater Noida	Khandala	Ratlam	Akola
Gulbarga	Kharagpur	Thanajvur	Hapur
Guna	Mettupaiayam	Ujjain	Rishikesh
Haldia	Nagercoil	Mirzapur	Pathankot

Extension of internet ticketing is an ongoing process depending upon the demand pattern.

(d) To shorten the queues at the Passenger Reservation System (PRS) centres, railway has taken number of steps like starting of reservation on Internet, introduction of e-ticketing, opening of more and more PRS centers etc.

Statement

Statewise list of cities covered under internet ticketing system

Andhra Pradesh	Jorhat	Delhi	Surat	Jammu &
Hyderabad	Nazira	Goa	Kandla	Kashmir
Secunderabad	Sibasagar	Mapusa	Hazira	Jammu
Cuddapah	Silchar	Margao	Bharuch	Srinagar
Guntur	Bihar	Panjim	Nadiad	Jharkhand
Kakinada	Patna	Ponda	Navsari	Bokaro
Kurnool	Chandigarh	Vasco	Haryana	Dhanbad
Nellore	Chandigarh	Gujarat	Karnal	Ranchi
Nizamabad	Chhattisgarh	Ahmedabad	Yamunanagar	Jamshedpur
Rajamundry	Durg	Bhavnagar	Panipat	Karnataka
Tirupathi	Bhilai	Gandhinagar	Gurgaon	Bangalore
Vijayawada	Bilaspur	Jamnagar	Faridabad Panchkula	Belgaum
Vishakhapatnam	Raipur	Vadodara	Hissar	Dharwad
Warangal	Raigarh	Vapi	Ambala	Gulbarga
Assam	Daman	Anand	Himachal	Hubli
Dibrugarh	Silvasa	Bhuj	Pradesh	Mangalore
Guwahati	Delhi	Rajkot	Shimla	Manipal

Mysore	Thane	Ajmer	Aligarh	Howrah
Tumkur	Aurangabad	Jaipur	Bareilly	Siliguri
Udupi	Nasik	Jodhpur	Dadri	Haldia
Kerala	Kolhapur	Kota	Firozabad	Kharagpur
Alapuzha	Jalgaon	Udaipur	Izzatnagar	
Aluva	Akola	Bikaner	Jhansi	
Chenganur	Meghalaya	Sikklm	Kanpur	
Kanrjur	Shillong	Gangtok	Lucknow	
Kochi	Manlpur	Tamil Nadu	Mathura	
Kollam	Imphal	Chennai	Meerut	
Kottayam	Mizoram	Coimbatore	Moradabad	
Kozhikode	Aizwal	Erode	Roorkee	
Palakkad	Nagaland	Kovilpatti	Saharanpur	
Thiruvalla	Dimapur	Tiruchchirapalli	Varanasi	
Thiruvanthapura	Kohima	Tirunelveli	Vrindavan	
Trissur	Orlssa	Madurai	Ghaziabad	
Madhya Pradesh	Cuttack	Nagarcoil	Noida	
Bhopal	Puri	Tuticorin	Greater Noida	
Gwalior	Bhuvaneshwar	Salem	Hapur	
Jabalpur	Rourkela	Tiruppur	Gorakhpur	
Guna	Pondicherry	Rajapalayam	Mirzapur	
Indore	Pondicherry	Sivakasi	Uttranchal	
Katni	Punjab	Ooty	Dehradun	
Rewa	Amritsar	Mettupalayam	Haldwani	
Satna	Jullundhur	Tanjavur	Nainital	
Saugor	Ludhiana	Dindigul	Rishikesh	
Ujjain	Pathankot	Virudhunagar	West Bengal	
Ratlam	Bhatinda	Tripura	Kolkatta	
Maharashtra	Firozepur	Agartala	Asansol	
Mumbai	Hoshiarpur	Uttar Pradesh	Darjeeling	
Nagpur	Patiala	Agra	Durgapur	
Pune	Rajasthan	Allahabad	Hoogly	